Stopping the killing of girls

2906. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a big increase in honour killings of girls in different parts of the country, especially in Punjab;

(b) whether Government are taking any step to stop this menace; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) As per information received from Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Government of Punjab, there is no case of honour killing of girls in the State.

(b) and (c) Punjab Government is implementing schemes to uplift the social, educational and economic status of the girl child.

Empowerment of women

†2907. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by Government for empowerment of women during the last three years;

(b) the amount spent by Government for this purpose, State-wise; and

(c) the fresh schemes proposed to be implemented by Government for upliftment of women during the Eleventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Women and Child Development aims at holistic empowerment of women which includes their social and economic empowerment with gender justice.

In this context important legislations such as Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 and Prohibition of Child Marriage Act 2006 have been enacted.

The Ministry also administers schemes for economic upliftment of women which include the following:

'Support to Training and Employment Programme for Women (STEP)' Scheme aims to make a significant impact on women in traditional sectors by upgrading skills and providing employment to such women on a project basis by mobilizing women in viable groups, improving skills, arranging for productive assets, creating backward and forward linkages, improving/arranging for support services, providing access to credit, awareness generation, gender sensitization, nutrition education etc. The scheme covers 10 traditional sectors of employment. The target group to be covered includes the marginalized, assetless rural women and urban poor. The State-wise release of funds during the last three years under STEP Scheme is given in the Statement-I (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Scheme of Swayamsiddha was launched in 2000-01 for holistic empowerment of women through self help groups. The Scheme covers 650 blocks spread over 31 States/UTs. Details of State-wise funds released under the Scheme to State Governments is given in the Statement-II (*See* below).

The detailed write-up on these Schemes may also be accessed at official Web Site of this Ministry, www.*wed.nic.in*

(c) The scheme of STEP is being revamped to enhance its scope and coverage and Swayamsiddha is proposed to be universalized in the Eleventh Plan.

Statement-I

Support to training and employment programme

Sl. No.	States	Fund released (Rs. in lakhs) 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
1	Andhra Pradesh	–	127.47	3.996
2	Arunachal Pradesh		7.75	
3	Assam	256.613	307.906	526.801
4	Chhattisaarh	–	–	
5	Gujarat		1.85	
6	Himachal Pradesh	68.667	–	
7	Haryana	60.982	–	
8	Jammu and Kashmir	46.480	–	42.78
9	Kerala	212.0465	–	
10	Karnataka	134.862	259.89	277.716
11	Madhya Pradesh	24.563	24.308	61.28
12	Maharashtra	14.560	110.413	10.054
13	Manipur	52.761	30.106	17.57
14	Meghalaya	–	–	
15	Mizoram	84.356	–	11 .40
16	Nagaland	35.874	9.156	2.47
17	Orissa	148.845	181.287	90.897
18	Punjab	–	202.789	20.77
19	Rajasthan	211.014	145.421	
20	Sikkim	–	–	
21	Tamil Nadu	95.119	–	74.29
22	Tripura	–	1.375	1.649
23	Uttaranchal	119.436	–	76.891
24	Uttar Pradesh	208.913	294.058	359.507
25	West Bengal	–	2.25	2.25
26	Delhi	6.782	11.886	17.316
	TOTAL:	**1781.87**	**1717.92**	**1597.637**

Statement-II

SWAYAMSIDDHA

			GRANT RELEASED (Rs. lakhs) as on 31.8.2007														
		Blocks Alloted	Unspent Bal From IMY	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	Total	Expenditure	%	Unspent Balance	Total Grant Admissible	Balance Grant Admissible
1	Andhra Pradesh	38	85.4	11.19		38.6		143.57	110	231.84		620.6	439.32	70.79	181.28	620.60	0.00
2	Arunachal Pradesh	6	2.95	3.16	2.05	9						17.16	17.16	100.00	0	108.20	91.04
3	Assam	24	7.5	7.68		71.5			100	100		286.68	136.68	47.68	150	396.80	110.12
4	Bihar	63	66.35	16.95	76	3.75			100	270		533.05	505.06	94.75	27.99	989.20	456.15
5	Chhattisgarh	17	0	5.92	55	1	39	25	60	25		210.92	194.89	92.40	16.03	284.40	73.48
6	Gujarat	27	57.61	8.43					30.6	299.4		396.04	353.55	89.27	42.49	444.40	48.36
7	Haryana	13	24.26	4.92	1.2	18	69	33.6	69.62			220.6	220.6	100.00	0	220.60	0.00
8	Himachal Pradesh	8	0	3.66	27.36		3.63	39.17	32.39	34.39	45.02	185.62	118	63.57	67.62	140.60	-45.02
9	Jammu and Kashmir	13	9.95	4.92		33.05		28	70.98	36.85	36.85	220.6	173.8	78.79	46.8	220.60	0.00
10	Jharkhand	24	55.64	7.68	45	34	51.01		25	50		268.33	179.08	66.74	89.25	395.80	127.47
11	Karnataka	20	1	6.67		64	99.06	25.22	110	26.05		332	313.96	94.57	18.04	332.00	0.00
12	Kerala	18	4.87	6.17	15.64	35	33.89	20	132.43	52.6		300.6	265.58	88.35	35.02	300.60	0.00
13	Madhya Pradesh	36	1.4	10.68	64.72	51		45	200	100		472.8	402	85.03	70.8	588.20	115.40
14	Maharashtra	36	10.75	10.68	55.25		81	136	159.48	100		553.16	446.04	80.63	107.12	589.20	36.04
15	Manipur	3	0	2.41	7	4	12.39	19.31		14.49		59.6	59.6	100.00	0	59.60	0.00
16	Meghalaya	5	2.35	2.91	15.6		6	5	29	30.89		91.75	60.86	66.33	30.89	92.00	0.25
17	Mizoram	3	0	2.41		11	5	13.74	27.12	0.33		59.6	59.6	100.00	0	59.60	0.00
18	Nagaland	6	0	3.16	14	9	11.41	23.92	46.71			108.2	108.2	100.00	0	108.20	0.00

19	Orissa	36	42.7	10.68	23.3	51	50	92.14	113.45	100		483.27	464.46	96.11	18.81	589.20	105.93
20	Punjab	15	0.5	5.42	49.36				25	71.76		152.04	78.58	51.68	73.46	252.00	99.96
21	Rajasthan	30	0	8.43	87.34			25	180	200		500.77	443.81	88.63	56.96	504.00	3.23
22	Sikkim	5	0	2.41	7	4	8	17	25.75	39.84		104	89.16	85.73	14.84	104.00	0.00
23	Tamil Nadu	44	65.08	12.69	15	62	70	175	167.02	150.01	66.76	783.56	685.95	87.54	97.61	716.80	.66.76
24	Tripura	3	0	2.41	7	4	9	6.5	10.94		19.75	59.6	35.66	59.83	23.94	59.60	0.00
25	Uttar Pradesh	94	186.27	25.23	159.18		122.44			485.35	14.65	993.12	498.71	50.22	494.41	1517.80	524.68
26	Uttaranchal	11	0	4.41	22	16		25	83	37.79	31.96	220.16	169.1	76.81	51.06	188.20	.31.96
27	West Bengal	39	21.06	11.44		49.94	76.98	50	99.63	327.75		636.8	491.54	77.19	145.26	636.80	0.00
28	A and N Island	3	6.1			7.9						14	3.96	28.29	10.04	59.60	45.60
29	Chandigarh*	0	6.1			0.9						7	0.9	12.86	6.1	28.20	21.20
30	D and N Haveli*	0	6.1		6	1						13.1	0	0.00	13.1	28.20	15.10
31	Delhi	4	0	2.66			5.68			10		18.34	7.52	41.00	10.82	75.80	57.46
32	Lakashadweep	3	6.1			7.9						14	13.77	98.36	0.23	59.60	45.60
33	Pondicherry	3	2.26	2.41	4.73	4			13.4	14.8		41.6	29.5	70.91	12.1	59.60	18.00
	NIPCCD						2.5	44.42	11.6	2.88	2.13	63.53	62.33	98.11	1.2		
	Others						4.31		11.75	8.47	0.24	24.77	0	0.00	0		
	TOTAL:	650	672.3	207.79	759.73	591.54	760.3	992.59	2044.87	2820.49	217.36	9066.97	7128.93	78.63	1938.04	10830.00	1851.33

* Programme discontinued In 2005-06